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Claims 1 and 48 were amended by limiting A to pyrazole in accordance with the election made in reply to the October 19, 2004 Restriction Requirement and by including the features of (i) claim 31 (for R¹ (see claim 6), for R² (see claim 11), for B (see claim 15), and for R⁵ (see claim 20)), and (ii) claim 22 (for R⁴).

The claims were also amended to delete "ester or other derivative."

In view of the deletion of non-elected originally claimed subject matter, applicants reserve their rights under 35 USC 121 to file a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

New claims 70 and 71 recite features of claim 1.

Applicants are pleased to note that the claims are free of any prior art rejection and that claims 31 and 37 to 47 are allowable (see Item No. 7 on page 5 of the Office Action).

Claims 1 to 23, 25 to 35 and 47 to 49 were objected to for containing non-elected subject matter (see Item No. 6 at the top of page 5 of the Office Action).

As discussed above, the claims were amended to delete non-elected subject matter. Withdrawal of this objection is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 49 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth in Item No. 4 at the top of page 3 of the Office Action.

As discussed above, the claims were amended to delete "ester or other derivative".

Also as discussed above, the definition of R^2 in the claims has been amended.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 30, 32 to 36, 48 and 49 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for alleged lack of enablement for the reasons indicated in Item No. 5 beginning at the middle of page 3 and continuing to the end of page 4 of the Office Action.

The claims have been amended to include the features of allowable claim 31. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

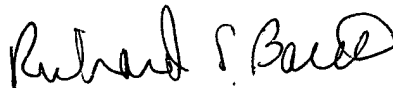
Rejoinder and allowance of method claims 50 to 64 is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

Submitted concomitantly herewith are an AMENDMENT OF INVENTORSHIP TO DELETE A PERSON NOT AN INVENTOR OF INVENTION NOW BEING CLAIMED (37 CFR 1.48(b)) and an INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: (1) AMENDMENT OF INVENTORSHIP TO DELETE A PERSON NOT AN INVENTOR OF INVENTION NOW BEING CLAIMED (37 CFR 1.48(b))
(2) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT